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Employment Trends

August Unemployment Rate

Indiana's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August was 5.0 percent. This is one percentage point below the national rate of 6.0 percent.

3,083,000 million Hoosiers were employed during August.

Indiana's August unemployment rate was lower than Michigan, 6.9 percent; Ohio, 5.4 percent; Illinois, 6.7 percent; and Kentucky at 5.2 percent.

September Unemployment Insurance Stats

Number of UI Claims Filed:

Week of 9-6-03	60,172
Week of 9-13-03	62,283
Week of 9-20-03	61,003
Week of 9-27-03	59,165

JOBS Facts

Job Opportunities Business Services

Job profilers will meet with experts from targeted companies in Indiana to help assess what skills are necessary for particular occupations. These assessments will help to create job profiles which job seekers can be assessed against in order to find the best possible workers for each position.

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Breaking News

DWD dedicates \$4 million to help energize local economies

The Department of Workforce Development made \$4,000,000 available to help local economies fill in the road map for economic development in Indiana. The move will provide a new source of funding for eligible Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) throughout the state to encourage and improve partnerships among business, labor, education, government and local economic development organizations.

"Local partnerships in communities throughout the state are essential to a successful work force development system," said Alan Degner, commissioner of the Department. "These grants will help those partnerships concentrate efforts on the Energize Indiana industry sectors. That's important if we are to see economic growth."

Funding for the grants is provided by DWD through federal Workforce Investment Act dollars from the US Department of Labor. The Indiana Human Resource Council will work closely with DWD to assist WIBs in applying for up to \$400,000 in these fast-track grants by the November 17, 2003 deadline.

Supermarket of benefits made available to Hoosier Veterans

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) in cooperation with other federal, state and local agencies (including DWD) will provide services for veterans and their families around the state. The services will be available at National Guard Armories at the following places: Indianapolis (Stout field), Friday, November 7; Lafayette, Friday November 14; Seymour, Wednesday, November 19; and Vincennes, Friday, December 12.

Staff from DWD will provide job service information, resume writing assistance and job counseling along with many other services. The goal is to provide a one-stop service to as many veterans as possible for federal, state and local programs, services and benefits.

IDVA director, Bill Jackson, said, "I want veterans and their families to bring us their problems and leave with them solved. We need to go beyond just providing information. We need to fix whatever is wrong."

DWD funds Project PETE: Pathways to Engineering and Technology

A unique partnership between the School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI and the Indianapolis Public Schools was funded by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. The \$50,000 grant titled Project PETE: Pathways to Engineering and Technology, provides IUPUI student mentors for any IPS student attending the IPS Career and Technology Center located on the campus of Arsenal Technical High School. The program is offered to all IPS students. There are currently 25 IPS students participating.

In addition to academic tutoring and social mentoring from IUPUI students, faculty from both schools are involved in the articulation of courses between IPS and IUPUI. Targeted areas include: Technical Graphics, Construction Technology, Computer Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology and Computer Aided Drafting.

Up to ten IPS students who complete the Project PETE program and meet admission requirements will receive a full tuition scholarship from IUPUI provided they enroll in a degree program offered by the School of Engineering and Technology.